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CANDIDATES FOR SENATE SPEAK

Meeting Was Held at the Park Friday.

SOME NEW FEATURES

Mr. Martin Criticizes the Newspapers and Mr. Grace Hammers on Mr. Rhett's Record.

About six hundred Laurens county voters heard the senatorial candidates at the sulphur springs here on last Friday morning, the meeting being orderly, quiet and free from any unpleasantness or even any special and distinct feature. Comfortable seats had been provided for the crowd and this fact contributed largely to the unusual patience of the audience. County Chairman Robert A. Cooper presided with ease and dignity, presenting each speaker with some pleasant and timely remark. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. L. McLin, of the city. Probably the only incidents worthy of note were the attacks of Candidate O. B. Martin upon the Laurens Advertiser and of Mr. J. P. Grace upon both The Advertiser and Hon. R. G. Rhett. Mr. Martin read an extract from an editorial in last week's Advertiser which said: "From observation and personal contact with many voters of the State we are of the opinion that the leaders in the race now are Smith and Rhett," and said that if we are to believe what this paper said it was no use for the candidates to speak at all since the thing was already settled and the votes already decided. And here he told the old joke about the voting contest among the animals and applied it very aptly to the present situation, namely, that if the newspaper method of settling these things was to be accepted "the goats have already voted."

Mr. Martin thought The Advertiser had no right to express an opinion on the candidates. Mr. Grace made his usual attack upon Mr. Rhett's democracy, reading an affidavit made out by himself in Greenville Wednesday to the effect that he (Grace) had seen a letter written by Mr. Rhett to President Roosevelt in which he (Rhett) as a Republican in Charleston protested against the appointment of the negro Crum as port collector because such appointments would hurt the Republican party in Charleston. Mr. Rhett, of course, denied these charges and dismissed them as unworthy of consideration; this he did in anticipation of the time as Mr. Rhett spoke before Mr. Grace. The candidates made their usual speeches dealing with the questions that are being discussed in this campaign as fully as the time would permit. Close attention was given each speaker and the applause was awarded without stint. Col. Lumpkin made the prettiest speech of all, his language being well chosen and the figures of speech aptly used. He began with the use of his witty reference to his looks: "My wife's husband ain't very pretty."

Mr. Rhett made a clear, concise, straight-from-the-shoulder speech and received strict attention and liberal applause. Messrs. Evans and Smith were each greeted with loud applause, they both being favorites in this county. Col. Johnston seemed to be utterly without spirit and kept complaining about "the terrible difficulties under which he was speaking," but which were not apparent by the audience.

COL. GEO. JOHNSTONE. Solicitor Cooper introduced as first speaker the Hon. Geo. Johnston, of Newberry, who is well and favorably known here in Laurens. Mr. Johnston seemed to speak under great difficulty, complaining that the wind bothered him, and he came near giving up his attempt. However, he consumed his time, most of which was devoted to a discussion of the manner in which the cotton market was manipulated. Mr. Johnston argued that it was to the interest of the farmers to see that the prices of their product were reasonably high and none the less the interest of the manufacturing class. "For," said he, "high prices for the raw material stimulate demand and prices of the manufactured product." He said that almost all governmental affairs rested in some way on the business conditions of the country and that men who could grapple with such matters were needed in the senate. "And men," said Mr. Johnston, "who can and will see to it that Wall street is cut loose from the government and that the Department of Agriculture is properly managed are the kind that must be sent if we are to prosper." Mr. Johnston said he would represent both the manufacturer and the producer in Congress if elected. His speech was well received.

COL. W. W. LUMPKIN. Col. W. W. Lumpkin, of Columbia, was the second speaker. He began his speech by saying: "My wife's husband ain't very pretty," in which observation the audience good humoredly concurred. "And," said he, "I never saw an ugly man that didn't have a pretty wife; every man before me has a pretty wife." Col. Lumpkin opposed Mr. Rhett's currency plan on the ground that it would give power into the hands of the national banks to control the money situation in the country, which he considered a dangerous plan. He said that to give the 6,000 national

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TRAYNHAM GUARDS AT CHICKAMAUGA.

Laurens Military Company is Enjoying the Encampment. Will Break Camp Saturday.

Camp William H. Taft, Chickamauga National Park, Lytle, Georgia, July 25, 1908. Traynham Guards are camped on what is known as the "tanyard," a short distance from Snodgrass Hill, where such severe fighting took place. A small stream cuts this old tanyard in two and on the other side nearly opposite us are camped the 70th and 72nd Regiments Virginia National Guard of about 600 men each. There are in camp here in addition to our troops and those of Virginia the 7th Regiment of Infantry U. S. Regulars, composed of 500 men; the 12th Cavalry U. S. Regulars, composed of about 500 men; a field hospital company from Washington, D. C., making about 1,850 men in camp in the park. About 1,200 troops are coming from Alabama in a few days.

The sanitary conditions are fine and so far everything has been all right. Our regimental camp is laid out according to strict regulations and has gained quite a number of comments from the U. S. Regular officers; in fact they state it is the best laid out and best camp that has been here. Daily inspections are made by United States officers, who see that everything is kept clean.

We are pretty well fed, as will be seen by the bill of fare for the three meals given below:

BREAKFAST. Coffee, French fried potatoes, breakfast strips, syrup, loaf bread.

DINNER. Roast beef, tomato soup, Boston beans, syrup, loaf bread.

SUPPER. Irish stew, blackberry jam, coffee, syrup, loaf bread.

We get up about sunrise and from then till 3 p. m. or 4 o'clock eastern time we are busy with various drills. At first we had two heavy drills a day of about 3 1/2 hours each, but now we only drill in the mornings. The camp is about 10 miles from Chattanooga and is connected by railroad and trolley line. The park here is about 14 square miles, so you see we won't get to see it all. The grounds are dotted with monuments of all shapes and sizes and some are very pretty. The regular army post is located about 3 miles from us and is known as Fort Oglethorpe. The field hospital is a short distance from us.

We are due to take a long practice march of about two days and are to go in heavy marching order, that is we will go fixed up like we left the armory to go to the depot. We are also due to have a big sham battle. We will probably leave for home Saturday evening. Everybody is in good health.

The 7th U. S. Infantry Band is one of the best I have ever heard. We hear them frequently and enjoy the music very much. The 12th U. S. Cavalry led an all-night battle Thursday night, beginning at dark and lasting until day break.

Following is a very complimentary mention of our troops in The Chattanooga News of July 24th:

"The South Carolina boys have about the best equipment of any militia regiment that has been at the camp. In speaking of their equipment Gen. Potts, commander of the camp, was very complimentary. They have the conical tents similar to those used in the regular army, the new regulation rifles, each man has a portable cot which, while very comfortable, can be folded up into a space three feet long and three inches in diameter. The mounted officers have their own horses with them, and they all maintain the reputation of South Carolinians for excellent horsemanship."

Our post office address is "D" Company, 1st Regiment N. G. S. C., Lytle, Georgia.

Cross Hill Personal Notes.

Cross Hill, July 27.—Mr. E. L. Wells has the contract to put up the new ginery building.

Messrs. W. T. and Thornwell Boyce are making improvements on their home.

Mr. Andrew Burnside died last Tuesday and was buried at the Presbyterian cemetery. He leaves a wife and one child. He had been sick several weeks with fever.

Mr. Rufus Walker has been quite sick for the past week. Showers have fallen around here several times lately but a general rain is needed very much.

We hope every Democrat in Cross Hill township will remember to register. All must get new certificates or they can't vote.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller left for the mountains last week.

Mrs. W. T. Austin has been having very fine tomatoes, some of them weighing more than a pound. Mr. G. T. Anderson brought her one that weighed 2 1/2 ounces. Next.

We believe that the prohibition cause is gaining strength every day. A few old timers try to hold up for the other side.

Miss Dennis, of Newberry, is visiting Mr. R. T. Hollingsworth's.

There was a big barbecue and baseball game among the negroes at Piedmont last Saturday. We expected to hear that the coroner would be needed. One of my tenants says that no one was killed but "they fit and fit and fit all over the ground."

FARMERS' INSTITUTE TODAY.

Meets in Court House Under Auspices of Chamber of Commerce.

This morning at 10 o'clock the Farmers' Institute, under the direction of the Clemson College authorities, will be held in the court house under the auspices of the Laurens Chamber of Commerce. Among the speakers expected to address the institute today are Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture who is in charge of the farm demonstration work in the South; Mr. Guy L. Stewart, Mr. C. L. Goodrich, Dr. J. L. Mann of Clemson College, and probably others.

Local and Personal Items.

Messrs. J. M. Sumerel and Ludie F. Abercrombie were in town yesterday on business.

Rev. W. E. Callender leaves today or tomorrow for Richmond where he fills the pulpit of Monumental Episcopal church for the month of August.

Hon. Joseph T. Johnson, of Spartanburg, was here Friday shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Johnson is without opposition this year for representative to congress from the fourth district.

Traynham Guards will return home on Saturday the encampment ending Friday.

The County Medical Association held an interesting meeting here Monday morning, a large number of the doctors from all over the county being present.

Work has been begun on the sidewalks of Laurens street. The paving of the square is now almost completed.

Mr. A. C. Hudgens, of Anderson, spent a few days here last week with his brother, Mr. John N. Hudgens. Mr. Hudgens has not visited Laurens in the last thirty-five years and needless to say his surprise was great at the wonderful growth of the place during that time.

Mrs. J. D. Pitts, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, left Monday for Rock Hill.

Mrs. W. E. Bramlett, of Clinton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drayton Mahaffey.

Miss Sarah Craig has gone to Montreat, after a visit to Miss Lila Hart.

Mr. John Wright, of Spartanburg, is visiting in the city.

Miss Mabel Simpson has returned to her home in Spartanburg after spending the week-end with Miss Kate Wright.

Postmaster McCravy, who has been very ill for several days, is much better.

Mr. J. E. Medlock, the genial pharmacist in the Laurens drug store, left Sunday for a week's vacation, part of which he will spend at his father's home near Fountain Inn and the remainder in Atlanta.

Messrs. W. C. and G. L. Pinson, of Cross Hill, were in the city Sunday.

Mr. T. T. Bobbitt was among the visitors here last week.

Mr. J. R. Whately, of Mountville, was in Laurens Friday.

Messrs. Geo. A. Browning, J. N. Brown and G. C. Hopkins, of Goldville, were here Friday to hear the candidates for senator.

Messrs. C. L. Peden and C. B. Shell, of Gray Court, were in the city Friday.

Mr. L. M. Cannon, of Lanford, was in the city Friday to hear the speaking and to spend the day with his son, Mr. John M. Cannon.

Mr. A. Cooke, of Fountain Inn, was among the visitors here Friday.

Drs. C. E. Rodgers, of Gray Court, and J. R. Culbertson, of Owings, were in the city Monday in attendance upon the meeting of the County Medical Association.

The Royal Arch Rising Sons Chapter No. 6, R. A. M., have ordered new robes for use in their ceremonies.

Attorney T. C. Turner, Jr., is now occupying one of the elegant offices on the second floor of the new Enterprise bank building.

Miss Josie Sullivan left Saturday for a brief visit to friends in Greenville.

Messrs. Vance Irby and Earl Wilson made an automobile trip to Hendersonville last week.

Mr. J. C. Copeland, of Columbia, came up Sunday to spend a few days with his brother, Mr. R. E. Copeland.

Mr. Jas. M. Clardy, of Columbia, is here on short visit to his parents.

Dr. W. W. Dodson attended the convention of the Pharmaceutical Association in Columbia last week; he is a member of the executive board of the association.

Mr. W. D. Ferguson is back from Wrightsville beach.

Twenty-two cases were tried in the mayor's court Monday morning.

Mrs. R. B. Goodgion, of Williamston, has been visiting Mrs. W. A. Clarke and other relatives in the city.

A recent letter from Rev. S. C. Todd states that he is attending a camp meeting at or near Oakland, California. He expects to be in Laurens some time in August.

Mr. Jas. M. Clardy, of Columbia, was in the city this week.

Messrs. Maud Machen, of Princeton, and Bertie Moore, of Honea Path, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Machen and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cooper.

DEATH OF MR. WATT WILLIS.

Was Well Known Young Man—Buried Sunday with Woodmen Honors.

Mr. Watt Willis, son of Mr. Austin Willis, of Gray Court, died Saturday night at his home at Lanford station after an illness of two weeks with an attack of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Willis was only 23 years of age and is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Franks, daughter of Mr. John Franks, of Lanford.

The funeral service conducted by the Rev. B. H. Grier of Ora, was held Sunday afternoon from the Lanford Baptist church, after which the burial ceremonies were conducted by the Woodmen of the World, with the following officers in charge, representing the camps of Laurens, Lanford, Ora, Gray Court and Owings: J. Lee Langston, master of ceremonies; John D. Owings, captain; T. A. Drummond, consul commander; R. M. Pearson, adviser lieutenant; J. S. Higgins, clerk; G. M. Holland, escort; W. E. McClintock, John A. Franks and C. E. Burdett, managers; Van Johnson, watchman; John Harmon, sentry.

Foundry Plant Sold.

Through his attorney, Mr. J. Wright Nash, of Spartanburg, the Alderman Lumber Co., of which Mr. R. J. Alderman, of Aaleon, is manager, has purchased the plant and site of the Eureka Foundry and Supply Co., located on South Harper street, from the owner, Dr. H. K. Aiken. The place had been leased for three years to the present occupants and it is supposed that the lumber business which the Alderman Co. will conduct is to be carried on in addition to the operations of the foundry. Extensive improvements, blue prints of which were received here Monday, will be made in the buildings, additional houses erected and tracks constructed.

The Alderman Lumber Co. is probably the largest of the kind in the State, and its operations here will be considerable addition to the business in Laurens.

Telephone Line to Honea Path.

A representative of the Bell Telephone Co. has been in the city at various intervals recently and informs The Advertiser that a new long distance telephone line is to be run from Laurens to Honea Path with connections to Anderson and Greenville. The poles have been laid over the ground and the work of construction is to begin at an early date. This move on the part of the Bell Co. is to relieve the congestion that has greatly handicapped their service in this section by providing additional outlets for messages from and through Laurens.

Items of Interest from Madden.

Madden, July 27.—The pastor of New Prospect is assisted by Rev. James Machen in the series of meetings now in progress.

Rev. Piani, formerly of Italy, a young Italian ex-priest, but now a student at the Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., delivered an intensely interesting lecture at Prospect Sunday. Everybody that was fortunate enough to hear it was very much impressed with the young man's consecration.

Miss Ethel Bryson came up from Newberry yesterday to visit relatives. She was accompanied by her cousin, Mr. Eugene Bryson, of Cross Hill.

Mr. P. H. Martin and Master Ryan spent one day last week in Greenville.

Messrs. Omega and Tennie Madden have returned from a month's stay in Edgeland. They were accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. Menus Hudgens, and children.

Mrs. C. C. Robinson and Miss Lorie Teague have returned to their home in Birmingham.

Mr. R. J. Langston visited relatives in Greenville last week.

Mr. G. W. Cunningham is off for a short stay with relatives in Power, Greer and Greenville.

Mrs. Stigroves and Miss Annie, of Laurens, spent yesterday with Mr. J. A. Madden's family.

Mr. J. D. Culbertson and little boys, Carroll and Hugh, accompanied by Aunt "Fanny," went over to Quaker yesterday to attend the Old Folks' Singing.

Mr. B. Blakeley's family, of Holly Grove, spent yesterday with Mr. T. S. Langston.

Mrs. Lillie Culbertson has returned to her home near Ekom.

Prof. B. V. Culbertson has been re-elected to teach for us again the coming session.

Watts Mill Lost.

The Watts Mill base ball team went to Newberry Saturday, where they met the West End team of that city on the diamond. The game was an excellent exhibition of ball, both teams doing good work. The score was 4 to 2 in favor of the Newberry team.

Grew Through Potato.

Mr. Warren Strubling, of the city, exhibited here Monday an Irish potato with several "shoots" of nut grass growing entirely through it. The potato is over two inches in diameter and the grass had grown right through.

Death of Mr. William Curry.

Mr. William Curry, aged 67, died at his home in Gray Court early Monday afternoon. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

Mr. M. R. Frierson, of Jacksonville, Fla., is visiting in Laurens, his native town.

Delegates who expect to attend the S. S. convention are requested to send their names to C. C. Featherstone.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN OPENS TUESDAY.

Time for Filing Pledges by the Candidates Expires Next Monday, August 3.

According to the new arrangement of the county campaign schedule, made by the county executive committee and given publicity in The Advertiser two or three weeks ago, the county campaign will open at Langston church Tuesday, August 4. During the remainder of the week other meetings will be held as follows: Sardis, Wednesday night, August 5; Clinton, Thursday night, August 6; Hopewell, Friday, August 7; Cross Hill, Saturday, August 8. Then a week will be skipped in order not to conflict with the Confederate reunion which will be held in Greenville August 12, 13. The campaign meetings will be resumed on Monday, August 17 at Moore's, Waterloo township.

As the campaign starts August 4 the time for filing pledges by the various candidates for county office will expire at noon Monday, August 3. By reference to the candidates column in The Advertiser it will be seen that there are two announcements for the State Senate, five for the House, two for clerk of court, six for sheriff, one for county supervisor, four for county auditor, four for superintendent of education, two for county treasurer, three for county commissioner, four for county coroner.

BUGGY AND HORSE WERE TAKEN.

The News of a Week in and Around the Town of Mountville.

Mountville, S. C., July 25.—Last Monday night some unknown thief took from Mr. C. Mitchell's lot his horse and buggy and started on some clandestine journey. Before going very far however, an awkward drive ran him against a stump, smashing one of the buggy wheels. Undaunted by any accident in his unholy purpose, he stole another vehicle from a colored man near by and pursued his evil intent. Where he (or they) went and what he did is still in the dark, but next morning the horse and buggy were standing near the depot at Mountville and were restored to their owners.

Mr. Harp, a young man from Georgia, is at the home of Mrs. Calley Langston, on the Amanda Coleman place, where he has a farm. He came here after the death of Mr. Langston last spring. Mr. Harp is a member of the now flourishing Sunday school at Beaverdam and is a splendid worker in that line of Christian activity.

Mr. L. F. Odell, the business manager of the Clinton Pulpit, is here this week attending the meeting and soliciting subscribers to his paper. He is a young man with hope and promise for the future and is meeting with gratifying success in his chosen field of labor.

The revival meeting which began in the Baptist church last Sunday continues with increasing interest and helpfulness. Rev. B. P. Mitchell, of Kindards, is assisting Pastor C. L. Fowler and doing most of the preaching. He presents the gospel truth in a clear and impressive manner, while his earnest devotion to the kingdom of righteousness is convincing to every heart open to conviction.

Mr. and Mrs. Blalock, of Jonesville, are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. E. W. Crisp.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Teague, of Laurens, spent several days last week with relatives here, attending a series of meetings at the Universalist church, conducted by the Rev. Mes. Irwin.

Messrs. Lillie Armstrong and Vivian Owings, of Eden, are spending this week with their aunt, Mrs. Charlotte Hipp.

Mrs. Fannie Wertz and Mrs. J. L. Fellers are off for several weeks' recuperation in the mountains at Hendersonville.

Messrs. Helen and Lidia Coleman, of Coronaca, visited relatives here last week.

Messrs. Eugenia and Maggie Culbertson, of Amity, Ga., spent last week with their cousin, Miss Lillie Culbertson, here.

Mr. Jas. H. Madden, who has been suffering for nearly a year from trouble in the chest, and who has been in the hospital at Columbia a great portion of that time, is still unrelieved. He has gone this week to Baltimore for treatment.

Two young men, Messrs. Milam and Hassell Bryson, sons of Mr. Jesse Bryson, a prominent farmer of this section, are preparing to open up a mercantile business here this fall. Milam for some time has been a salesman with John B. Rasor at Mullins. Hassell has been taking during the spring and summer a business course at Columbia. These are young men of promise and ambition and we predict for them a successful business. They mean to begin their work here about the middle of August.

Mr. Herbert Daniel, of Columbia, son of Dr. W. W. Daniel, is visiting his friend and college mate, Mr. Henry Fellers.

Mills Give Week's Vacation.

The two cotton mills of the city, Watts and Laurens, closed down Saturday night for one week's vacation to the operatives. Work will be resumed on next Monday morning.

After a trip to Flat Rock and visiting relatives and friends in Laurens and county, Miss Lidie Garlington has returned to her home in Columbia.

APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO NOTARIES.

Gov. Ansel Merely Follows an Old Custom.

RECORDS PRESENTED.

The Advertiser Gives Facts Bearing on a Political Trick Being "Worked" in Laurens and County.

For two weeks or more there has been at work in Laurens county a most despicable effort to deceive voters and prejudice them against Governor Martin F. Ansel. Some of Blease's lieutenants circulated the story, true every word of it, that Governor Ansel had appointed a negro as notary public in Greenville county. But the political underhandedness and chicanery was in the fact that the impression was at the same time created that such an act was culpable and that Governor Ansel was a "nigger-loving" official, unworthy the suffrage of decent white voters. Such a surprisingly large number of the best people in the county, who were really unaware that such appointments were customary and not in the least reprehensible, seemed so stirred over the matter and so much harm was being done through the underhand methods of the Blease workers through the general lack of information that the local newspaper representatives investigated the matter.

The editor of The Laurens Advertiser wrote to Governor Ansel and his secretary, Mr. Bethea, for facts bearing on the case, and requested that instances of other governor's appointments be given for the information of the people. The results of these inquiries appear in the following paragraphs and letters to Mr. Bethea. These are all matters of record. It will be seen that Governor Tillman appointed the now notorious Joshua Wilson, of Florence to the office of notary public in 1893. Wilson is the negro REPUBLICAN postmaster at Florence who has caused that city so much trouble; he still holds the commission given him by Governor Tillman.

The facts presented below are for the information of people who may have been temporarily deceived in this matter:

State of South Carolina, Executive Chamber, Columbia, July 23, 1908.

Mr. S. E. Boney, Laurens, S. C. My Dear Sir: In compliance with your request I am sending you herewith a complete record of the appointment of one J. E. Parkins, of Greenville county, as notary public. I am also adding certificates from the Assistant Secretary of State and the Private Secretaries of several Governors to show that Governor Ansel's action in this matter is not without precedent, as some of his opponents would try to make it appear. You can readily understand how such reports are often circulated for political effect, but, with the records of other executives to clear up Governor Ansel's position this rumor, like all others that are false, will work like a boomerang, for when the facts are known it will help rather than injure his cause. The truth is I suspect Governor Ansel has made fewer of these appointments than almost any other Governor; I can recall only two. And I doubt not that a thorough investigation of the records will show that every Governor since Reconstruction times has appointed a few negroes as notaries public where they were qualified electors and highly endorsed by members of the legislature and other reputable white citizens, as in the case of J. E. Parkins. Certainly there is nothing unusual or unprecedented in the appointment you refer to, and I am surprised that such a report could have gained any credence.

With kind regards, I am, Yours very truly,

A. J. BETHEA, Private Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, GREENVILLE COUNTY.

To Hon. M. F. Ansel, Governor.

The petition of J. E. Parkins, of the county and State aforesaid, respectfully shows you:

First, That he is a citizen and qualified elector residing in the county and State aforesaid.

Second, That he desires to be appointed a notary public in and for said county and State.

Wherefore, he prays that he may be appointed to said position and your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

PETITIONER.

We recommend the above appointment.

R. F. WATSON, Attorney.

H. K. TOWNES, Attorney.

W. K. THACKSTON, Real Estate Agent.

JAS. F. MACKAY, Undertaker.

C. A. PARKINS, JR., R. G. McPHERSON, JAS. H. PRICE, Attorney.

F. F. BEATTIE, Member of the House.

T. P. COTHRAN, Member of the House.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 30, 1907.

Hon. M. F. Ansel, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: I am sending you petition of James E. Parkins to be appointed

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